addition in the 10th Plan are commissioned without any time and cost overruns, the Ministry of Power has put in place a strong monitoring mechanism which includes weekly reviews.

A Standing Committee for monitoring of power projects called the Power Projects Monitoring Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of Special Secretary (Power). The other members on the Committee are the CMDs of all CPSUs concerned, Members of Central Electricity Authority and all Joint Secretaries in the Ministry of Power. In order to ensure a proper feedback from the States and the private sector, a sub-committee in CEA under member (Planning) has been constituted to assist the Power Projects Monitoring Committee. Region specific teams headed by Chief Engineers of CEA have also been set up to assist the sub-committee.

The Minister of Power has requested Chief Ministers of the States to constitute Project Monitoring Committees at the State level to ensure achievement of the capacity addition targets in the state sector.

Watershed programmes in Andhra Pradesh

*708. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments are implementing major watershed development programmes in Andhra Pradesh to contain the declining water levels in the rural parts of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether village ponds have also been constructed in the State under these programmes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (d) The Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development is implementing three major Watershed Development Programmes, namely Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programmes (DDP) in Andhra Pradesh on watershed basis in accordance with the Guidelines for Watershed Development w.e.f. 1.4.1995. Since then, 36 projects

covering 3.56 lac hectares have been sanctioned under IWDP for various districts of Andhra Pradesh. Similarly, 2675 projects covering 13.37 lac hectares have been sanctioned under DPAP for the 11 Programme districts and 442 projects covering 2.21 lac hectares have been sanctioned under DDP for one Programme district of the State.

2 These Watershed Development Programmes aim at *in-situ* soil and moisture conservation through construction of check dams and contour bunds afforestation, development of pasture lands and accelerated regeneration of bio-mass. Various moisture conservation measures taken in the projects under these Programmes help in containing the declining water levels in rural areas.

3. Activities to be taken up in the watershed projects under these Programmes are determined by the local Watershed Committees after taking into consideration the local needs, including construction as well as desiltation of village ponds. Implementation of these Programmes will, therefore, not only help in effective water harvesting but also in enhancing the capacity of traditional water sources in the villages and thereby making more surfce and ground water available in the watershed areas.

Bio-Gas Plants

*709. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bio-gas plants set up in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the size and capacity of each of the plants and total capacity of power generated by these plants;

(c) the subsidy component involved in setting up of each of the power plants; and

(d) the total amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) A total of nine biomethanation projects based on industrial wastes and about 4.87 lakh family type and 1128 community, institutional and night-soil based biogas plants have been set up in the country during the last three years, i.e., 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02